1991. No death, however, has been reported. Most of the cases were reported from scattered areas and no clustering of cases was noticed.

(b) The situation was regularly reviewed by the Union Health Secretary in series of meetings held with the concerned officials. A committee was also set up under his chairmanship for this purpose.

The following measures to control water borne diseases were taken with particular emphasis in J.J. Cluster/re-settlement colonies :

1. Provision of safe drinking water in adequate quantity in all vulnerable areas.
2. Dissemination of appropriate health education through various channels.
3. Surveillance and continuous monitoring of water borne diseases.
4. Regular removal of garbage and desilting of drains.
5. Distribution of chlorine tablets and O.R.S. packets.
6. Ban on sale of exposed/cut fruits and other unhygenic food items.

Revision of Pay Scale of Pharmacists

2424. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the revision of scale of pay of Pharmacists has been pending since very long;

(b) if so, by when it would be settled; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that a Pharmacist does not get promotion during his service career and if so, what steps are being taken in order to ensure that atleast two/three promotions are given in their service career just like other Government employees ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The matter relating to the pay scale and promotion avenues of pharmacists is under consideration of the Government.

Working time schedule of C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi

2425. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the time schedule for working of C.G.H.S. dispensaries in Delhi/New Delhi is not being followed; and

(b) whether random checking is being done by the Director, C.G.H.S. weekly, fortnightly or monthly and if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Random checking is being done by Director and Zonal Additional Directors of their respective dispensaries and Chief Medical Officers.

Ban on Polio Vaccine consignment in Bihar

2426. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Government of Bihar has completely banned the recent consignment of polio-vaccine received by it from the DGHS store from the Central Health Directorate, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are also aware that the ban on polio vaccine by the State Government would abort the polio vaccination programme in the State during the current year; and

(d) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA

DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) The Government is aware that Bihar Government has recently banned for use oral polio vaccines received by it during 1991-92. Samples of Oral Polio vaccines drawn from various districts in Bihar were sent by Government of Bihar for analysis on 23rd July, 1992. As per report sent by the Testing Laboratory on 8th September, 1992, 80 out of 82 samples showed low potency levels. Two Central teams visited the Districts of Patna, Vaishali, Darbhanga, Madhubani, Muzaffarpur and Gaya in Bihar in September and November, 1992 and collected samples which were sent for test which failed in respect of potency as vaccines, which are required to be kept at temperature betweel 2° to 8° C, were not kept at the required temperature. The walk-in-cooler at Patna was packed with more vaccines than it should contain, which also contributed to the deterioration of the vaccines. In order to ensure that the Immunization Programme does not receive a set back, fresh stocks of Oral Polio vaccine of standard potency have been supplied to the State Government on 16th November, 1992. Additional generator sets are being provided to 30 districts where electric supply is erratic. The Central Government has also emphasised to the State Government the need for monitoring the functioning of the cold chain and filling up the sanctioned posts for maintenance of the cold chain system in the State.

Panel to Frame Norms for sanctioning Medical Colleges

2427. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have constituted a Committee to frame new guidelines for sanctioning medical colleges in the country;

(b) if so, the constitution and terms of reference of the committee;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted the report; and

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Under the terms of the Ordinance promulgated on 27th August, 92 relating to the establishment of new medical colleges a Scheme has to be prepared which would set out the requirements for prefering such applications. The Medical Council of India have been asked to prepare the scheme and a part report has been received which is under examination.

यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति पर संगोष्ठियां

2428. **मौलाना ओबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति के बारे में विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अब तक कितनी संगोष्ठियां, कब-कब और कहां-कहां आयोजित की गई हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि ऐसी संगोष्ठियों की संख्या में निरंतर कमी आ रही है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) यूनानी चिकित्सा-पद्धति को बढ़ावा देने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी० के० तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) केन्द्रीय यूनानी चिकित्सा अनुसंधान परिषद् ने यूनानी चिकित्सा पद्धति के बारे में 1989-90 से अब तक निम्नलिखित संगोष्ठियां आयोजित की हैं :—

1989-90—फरवरी, 1989 में अलीगढ़ में पांचवीं वैज्ञानिक संगोष्ठी ।

1990-91—अक्तूबर, 1990 में दिल्ली में छठी वैज्ञानिक संगोष्ठी ।